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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MARCH 25, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, Species

I. Applicants also note that claims 1-5, 12-14 and 16 are directed to Species I, Figure 1.

Applicants also note that claims 1 and 12 are generic claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the indication that claims 1-5, 12-14 and 16 are directed to Species I, Figure 1, and claims 1 and 12 are generic claims, were provided in the Response dated January 16, 2004. In particular, the election and indication of such claims are being readable on the elected Species was provided on page 6 of the Response dated January 16, 2004, as reproduced below:

By this response, Applicants elect Group I, without traverse. Applicants further elect Species I, with traverse. Claims 1-5, 12-14 and 16 are directed to Species I, Figure 1. Claims 1 and 12 are generic claims. If the traverse is unsuccessful, upon

allowance of any generic claim, Applicants request the rejoinder of the non-elected claims as being proper.

Applicants thus submit that the Response filed on January 16, 2004 was responsive to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement dated December 16, 2003.

In view of the above, the Examiner is now requested to consider the traversal of the Election of Species Requirement as requested in the Response dated January 16, 2004. Also, examination on the merits is now requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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